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FOR AMBASSADOR SAXBE FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK
OFFICE, USGAO; SECSTATE FOR DIRECTOR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS
AND GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO) FEB-76-0-14

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF GAO VISIT ON REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRO-
DUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS UNDERTAKING
A REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN
LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW IN
INDIA, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE
PHILIPPINES, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, AND SELECTED UNITED
NATIONS AGENCIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR REPORTING TO
THE CONGRESS AND INTERESTED EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE FERTILIZER SITUATION
IS TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE
PROBLEMS, AND SUCCESSES EXPERIENCED BY SOME OF THE
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE MOST AFFECTED BY A WORLD-
WIDE FOOD SHORTAGE.

IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES SELECTED FOR REVIEW, WE
PLAN TO OBTAIN INFORMATION TO REPORT ON THE MAJOR FAC-
TORS INFLUENCING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.
THE FACTORS INCLUDE (1) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRODUC-
TION CAPACITY, (2) PLANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION
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CAPACITY, (3) AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO

BUILD AND OPERATE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (4)
VARIOUS INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES AFFECTING THE USE
OF FERTILIZER, (5) EFFECTIVENESS OF FOREIGN AID PRO-
GRAMS INTENDED TO INCREASE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, AND/
OR USE, (6) UTILIZATION OF AID-FINANCED FERTILIZER, AND
(7) THE ADEQUACY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PURCHASE A
COUNTRY'S FERTILIZER AND/OR FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS
IN THE FUTURE.

WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY, THE U.S.
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POSSIBLY OTHER
LOCATIONS IN INDIA. WE REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE AGENCY
OFFICIALS BE INFORMED OF OUR PLANNED REVIEW. FOR YOUR
INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, AND
TREASURY, AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WERE ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED JUNE 23,
1975.

WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION
OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, AND WILL
BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

BONNELL, JAMES R., SUPERVISOR
PLAMONDON, RICHARD R.
RYDER, A. FREDERICK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE
HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PUR-
POSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY CLEARANCE INFORMATION
CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO
BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN
PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA HAS BEEN
COMPLETED AND GAO REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY WORKING
IN PAKISTAN. WE TENTATIVELY PLAN TO BEGIN IN INDIA ON
OR ABOUT OCTOBER 6, 1975, AND EXPECT THE WORK TO TAKE
ABOUT 5 WEEKS. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR WORK, MR. A. FRED-
ERICK RYDER WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 25,
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1975, AT 0500 FROM KARACHI VIA PAN AM 002 TO DELIVER SUP-
PLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED BY OUR STAFF. HE WILL BE
LEAVING NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 26 AT 0610 FOR BANGKOK.
REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (ONE SINGLE) AT THE HOTEL
ASHOKA FOR ONE NIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT
TO THE HOTEL.

WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF ARRIVAL DATES OF BONNELL

AND PLAMONDON ONCE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALIZED.

IN REGARD TO YOUR JULY 23, 1975, MESSAGE (1578),
COPIES OF CITED REPORTS WERE OBTAINED BY GAO WASHINGTON
STAFF. IN ADDITION, GAO STAFF WILL BE CONTACTING WORLD
BANK OFFICIALS HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING
NOT ONLY FERTILIZER PROJECTS IN INDIA BUT IN OTHER
COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN OUR REVIEW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUGGESTIONS AND ADVISING US OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REPORTS. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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